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Applicant: Donald J. McMichael Docket No.: 19480
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For: Catheter Having a Balloon Member Recessedly Attached Thereto

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Applicant recommends that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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